



# ~~New~~ U.S. Arctic Strategy

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# NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE ARCTIC REGION

“In furtherance of”  
National Security Presidential Directive-66 /  
Homeland Security Presidential Directive-25,  
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# Premise = changing conditions

- Diminishing sea ice presents
  - Opportunities
    - Shipping
    - Oil, gas, minerals
  - Challenges
    - Ecosystems changes
    - Subsistence lifestyles
    - Global climate impacts

# Guiding principles

- Safeguard peace and stability
- Make decisions using best available information
- Pursue innovative arrangements
- Consult and coordinate with Alaska Natives

# Three lines of effort

- **Advance United States Security Interests**
  - Evolve Arctic infrastructure and strategic capabilities
  - Enhance Arctic domain awareness
  - Preserve Arctic region freedom of the seas
  - Provide for future U.S. energy security
- **Pursue Responsible Arctic Region Stewardship**
  - Protect the Arctic environment and conserve its natural resources
  - Balance economic development, environmental protection, & cultural values in management
  - Increase understanding of the Arctic through scientific research and traditional knowledge
  - Chart the Arctic region
- **Strengthen International Cooperation**
  - Arrangements that promote shared prosperity, protect environment, & enhance security
  - Work internationally to advance U.S. interests in the Arctic region
  - Accede to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
  - Cooperate with other interested parties

# Next steps

- Establish roles and responsibilities (alphabet soup)
- Consult with State of Alaska and Alaska Natives
- Implementation plans for each LOE

# ARCTIC ALPHABET SOUP

ARC

IARPC

SEARCH

ACCAP

APG

CMTS

NSSI

AON

IPCC

IARC

IASOA

ISAC

IPC

(TRANSBORDER/MARITIME SECURITY)

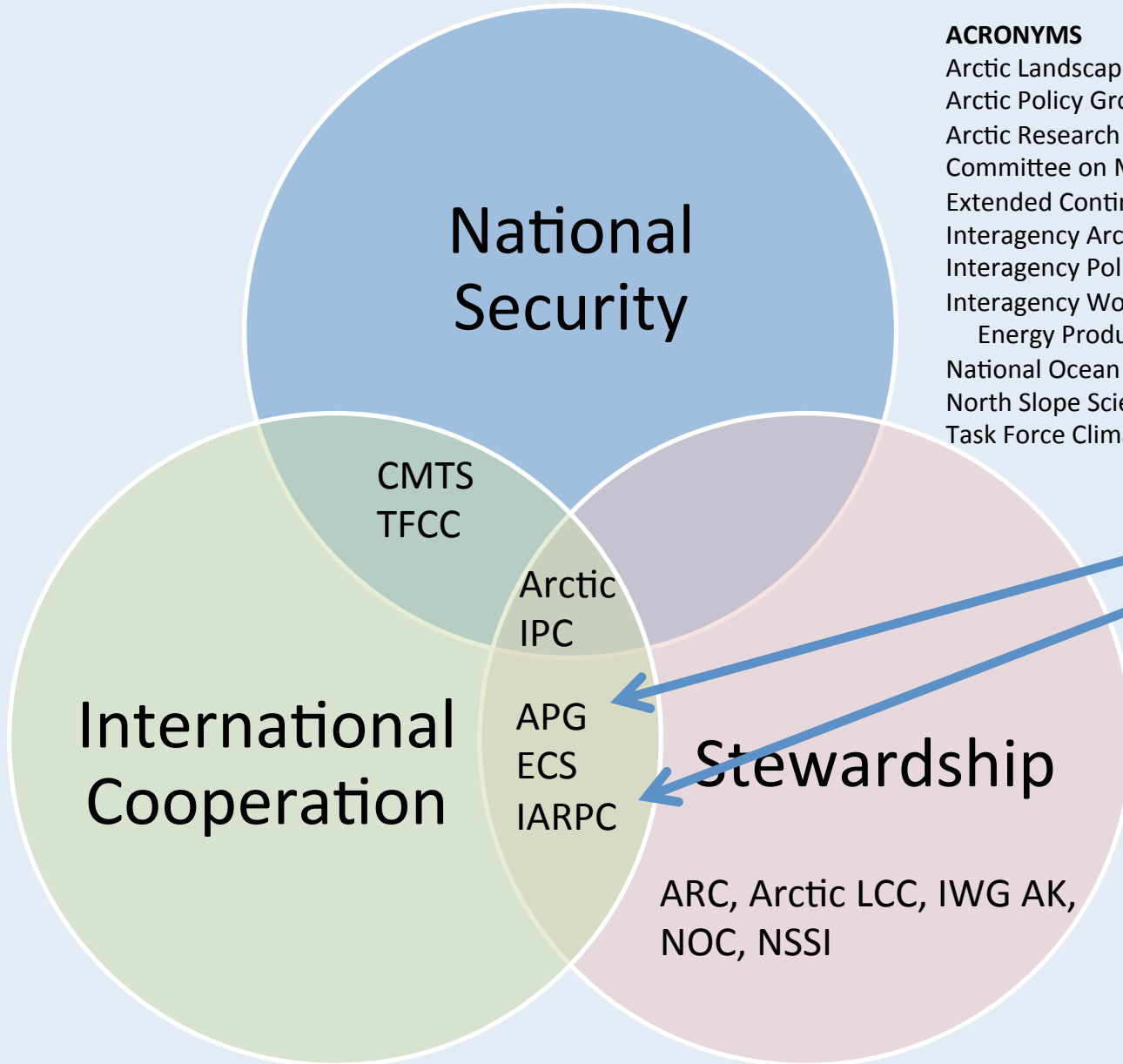
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# ARCTIC INTERESTS



## ACRONYMS

Arctic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (Arctic LCC)  
Arctic Policy Group (APG)  
Arctic Research Commission (ARC)  
Committee on Marine Transportation (CMTS)  
Extended Continental Shelf (ECS)  
Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC)  
Interagency Policy Committee - Arctic (IPC)  
Interagency Working Group Coordination of Domestic Energy Production & Permitting in Alaska (IWG AK)  
National Ocean Council (NOC)  
North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)  
Task Force Climate Change (TFCC)

The Arctic Policy Group (under DOS) and IARPC both address research and science issues that are covered by the Arctic Council. IARPC's statutory charge is to "coordinate and promote cooperative Arctic scientific research programs with other nations, subject to the foreign policy guidance of the Secretary of State."



# Consultations

- Listening sessions during drafting of Strategy:
  - Alaska Governor's cabinet
  - Alaska Federation of Natives
  - Mayors of Nome, NW Arctic, and North Slope Boroughs
- Prior to drafting implementation plans:
  - Administration officials to Alaska (June 2013)
  - Additional trips planned for August and September

# Implementing

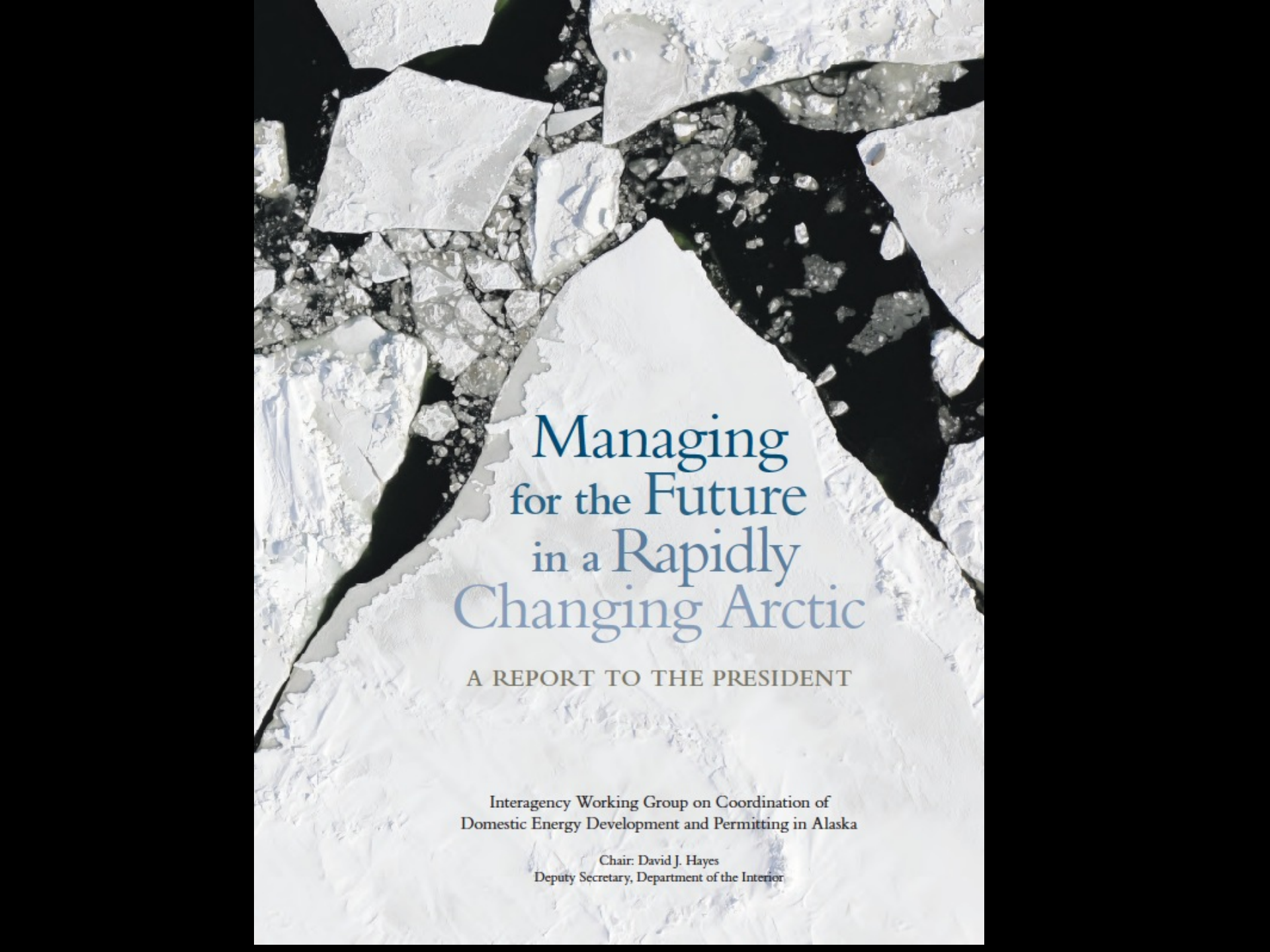
- Build on existing efforts



# ARCTIC RESEARCH PLAN: FY2013–2017

Executive Office of the President  
National Science and Technology Council

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An aerial photograph showing a large, irregularly shaped piece of white sea ice in the foreground, surrounded by smaller ice fragments and dark, open water. The ice has a textured, slightly uneven surface.

# Managing for the Future in a Rapidly Changing Arctic

A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

Interagency Working Group on Coordination of  
Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska

Chair: David J. Hayes  
Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior